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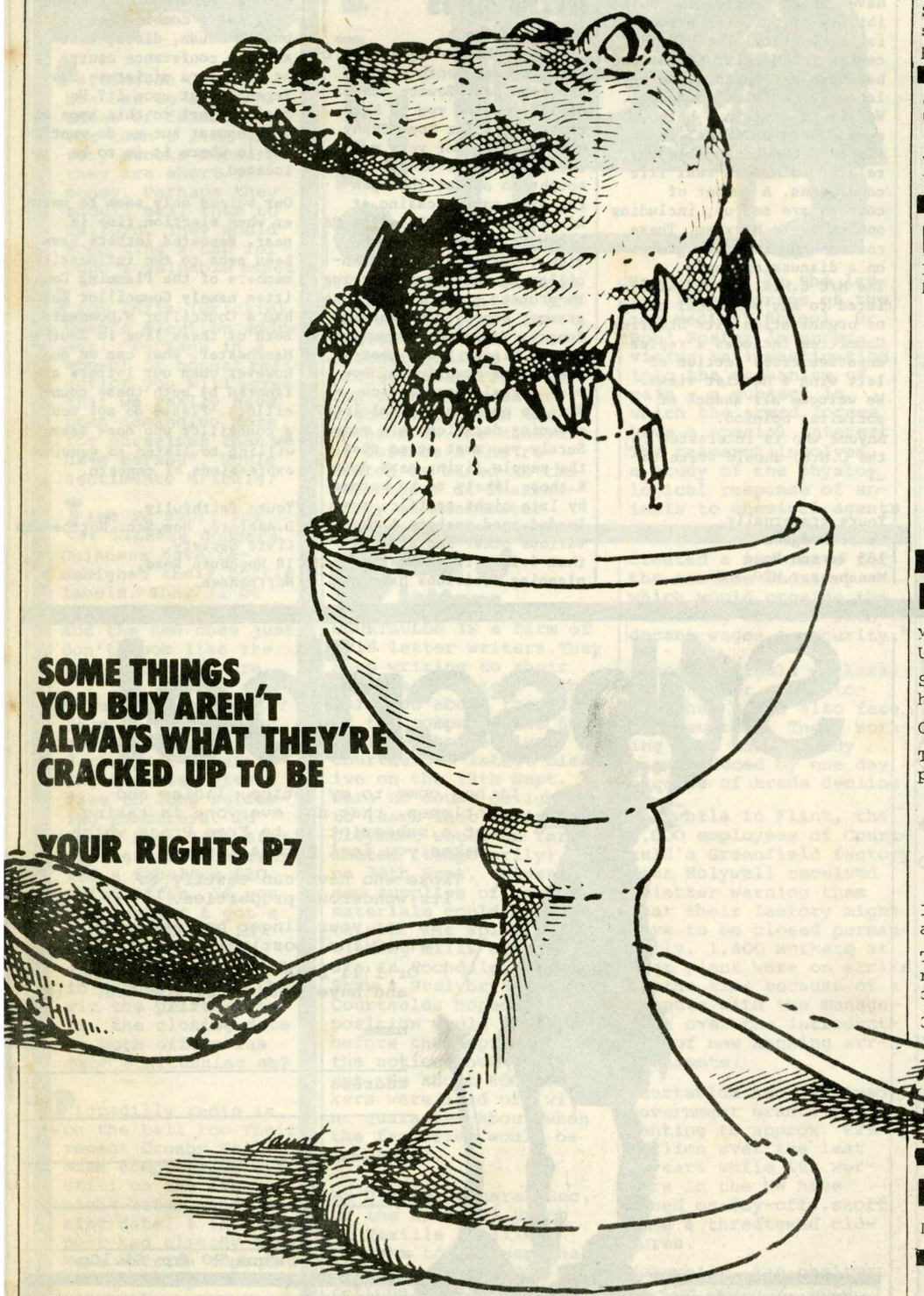

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FROM OUR READERS

Review reviewed

Dear Free Press,

I disagree with the view of Cynthia Drew that 'Wedlocked Women' by Lee Comer, is destined to appeal to a fairly limited readership because of the sociological nature of its content. My only claim to knowledge of sociology is a one year evening class in the subject. I didn't look upon this book as a work of sociology but as a very interesting & easily understandable explanation of the present day position of women in our society & the historical background to this. I feel that this book unlike many standard works on womens' lib.(ie.Sheila Rowbotham & Kate Millett) will appeal to ordinary women & if so, Lee Comer will have taken a great step towards arousing in the average 'housewife' awareness of the false nature of her 'feminine' role in society.

Yours sincerely,
Pam Ibbotson
Kettleshulme,
Cheshire.

Marxist centre

Dear Free Press,

In the last few years in Britain, there has been an increasing interest in Socialist & Marxist ideas. In the face of many social & economic problems people have turned towards the possibility of building a socialist society. The M/C centre for Marxist Education has been set up to serve the labour & socialist movement. We aim to explain & help spread Marxist ideas, in a simple & understandable way, related to modern real life conditions. A number of courses are set up, including one on basic Marxism. These courses run in small groups on a discussion basis.
The M/C C.M.E. is not affiliated to any political party or organisation. Its Steering Committee includes a representative cross section of left wing & Marxist views. We welcome all shades of socialist opinion.
Anyone who is interested in the C.M.E. should write to us

Yours fraternally,
Geoff Hodgson
185 Burton Road
Manchester M20 8LZ

Bigger than little girls

Dear Free Press,

Regarding your article in last month's Free Press headed "Beware School Girls", I wish you to know that Councillor Tom Murphy was speaking for very many local residents when he sought to oppose the opening of a gaming casino at Riverside Hotel, Palatine Rd Didsbury. Contrary to the view you express, the Councillor was not merely trying to protect girls at the local grammar school from moral danger. He was in pursuit of a much bigger fish, that is, the entire question of how much actual consultation does go on before vital local planning decisions are made. Surely you must agree that the people living next door & those likely to be harmed by late night traffic, overloaded road systems & the various other bad affects that follow ill-conceived planning decisions have a right to be consulted? What does a policy of zoning mean when an area wholly residential has a combination of public house, disco, restaurant, conference centre as well as a miniature Las Vegas thrust upon it? We don't object to this type of development but we do want a say in where it is to be located.

Our voices only seem to matter when election time is near. Repeated letters have been sent to two influential members of the Planning Committee namely Councillor Eastham & Councillor W.Downward. Both of these live in South Manchester. What can we do however when our letters are ignored by both these councillors. Please do not mock a councillor who does seem willing to listen to genuine expressions of concern.

Yours faithfully,
D.Ashford, Hon.Sec. Northenden Civic Society,
18 Woodburn Road,
Northenden.

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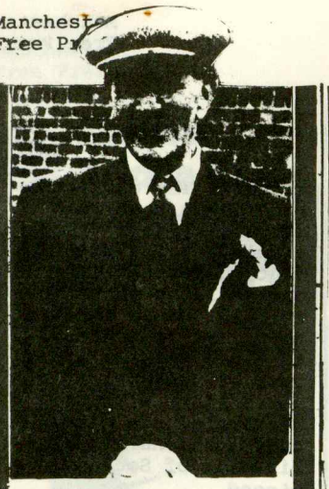


Partington Council has had to abandon ideas of renovating the town's 14th century stocks because they are short of money. Perhaps they should sell them to Salford. They would soon find a use for such a valuable asset

From Idris (Brickie) Owen's election address: "Perhaps in a moment of honest reflection you will agree that we really have been demanding more for ourselves than we have earned". Noble sentiments Brickie.

Time is short for car license dodgers. Guinness have redesigned their bottle labels. They'll be out in a month or so. And the new ones just don't look like the real thing anymore.

Have you seen"Duet"? It's an asinine mag. specialising in in-depth puff advertising articles given free to long suffering commuters. In their Sept 14th & Oct 1st issues, they carried a fabulous £10 prize offer. If you applied for & got a job advertised in those issues, you were invited to fill in a coupon & possibly win the prize. Snag is, the closing date on both offers was Sept 6th. Cunning eh?

Piccadilly radio is on the ball too. Their recent Crosby Stills Nash competition was still on the air the night before the closing date, & the last post had already gone Were entries expected to arrive by carrier pidgeon?

nuff said

Ten grand pain probe

THE COSY links between local universities and the military are revealed once again as another dubious research project (see Freep 25 for others) comes to light. This time the sponsor is the Ministry of Defence & the research is based in the department of Pharmacology at Manchester University. In the lavish laboratories of the new Medical School, Dr. 'Bob' Foster is supervising an investigation into the mechanism of pain - a subject in which the armed forces have a special interest. The research involves a study of the physiological response of animals to chemical agents which act as sensory irritants to the skin. Professor Schneiden, head of the department, has defended the project by arguing that the work "could lead to the development of better analgesics (pain killers)" However, other less humanitarian applications spring readily to mind. Sensory irritants, such as CS (a harmful agent), are well known for their use in controlling 'civil disturbance' and accurate application of pain is a favourite device of interrogators. No researcher in this field could guarantee with honesty that his findings would not be utilised in the "sophistication" of such techniques.

The project began a year ago following an approach by the Ministry of Defence to the University. A number of other universities had turned the project down because it was "too challenging" according to Dr.Foster. The generous sum of £5,000 was provided for postgraduate researcher ancillaries & equipment for 1 year up to Sept.1974. The hard-headed men at the Ministry have been so pleased with results to date that they have just renewed the contract for another 2 yrs at a cost of more than £10,000.

Men of letters

COURTAULDS IS a firm of avid letter writers. They keep writing to their employees to keep them informed about the state of the company. The 600 workers who received Courtauld's latest missive on the 19th Sept. were no doubt delighted to learn that their employment would be terminated (temporarily) on 30th Sept. unless new supplies of raw materials could be obtained. The spinning/winding mills affected are in Rochdale, Oldham, Shaw & Stalybridge. Courtaulds hoped the position would improve before the expiry of the notices but it did not. So about 600 workers were laid off with no guarantee about when the factories would be re-opened.

Mr J.King, General Sec. of the National Union of Textile & Allied Workers told Freep that: "After a period of rationalisation & the loss of thousands of jobs in the N.W. over the last 22yrs, we thought we'd created a new image for the textile industry which would provide the remaining workers with decent wages & security."

Other Courtauld workers in a number of Bolton & Oldham mills also face difficulties. Their working week has already been reduced by one day because of trade decline.

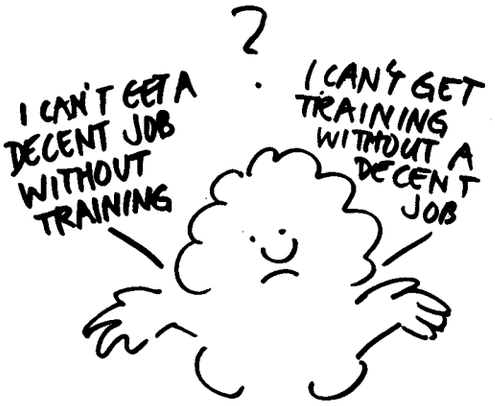
Meanwhile in Flint, the 2,000 employees of Courtauld's Greenfield factory near Holywell received a letter warning them that their factory might have to be closed permanently. 1,400 workers at that plant were on strike at the time because of a dispute with the management over the introduction of new manning arrangements.

Courtaulds has received government grants amounting to approx. £29 million over the last 4 years while its workers in the NW have dined on lay-offs, short time & threatened closures.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the company, Lord Kearton, struggles along on his £36,732 salary per year.

Speciality of the mouse

CRUNCHY FRUIT cake was the bargain of the day for one unsuspecting man recently. He was intrigued to discover a hard object in his slice of the delicacy. Could it be a new kind of cherry perhaps? The public analyst was baffled too so the keeper of a natural history museum was called in. He triumphantly identified it as the head of a young mouse. The M/C firm responsible for this fruit cake surprise, was Knightsbridge Cakes (M/C Ltd of Old Trafford. They were prosecuted & fined £50 for supplying 'food not of the substance demanded'. That was one mystery solved but readers of the Manchester Evening News report are still puzzled about the fact that the object might have come in a batch of 'cherrie sand'.



Loophole backlash

THE LOOPHOLES in laws governing educational opportunities for apprentices have been highlighted recently by the case of Linda Smith, a 19 year old trainee upholsteress from Sale. Linda wanted to further her education & better her prospects by attending a 2/3 yr block release upholstery course (3 wks in College & 6 wks at work) at M/C College of Building. But her tight-fisted employers, Carpet and Curtain Services, Altringham, (J.S.Cartwright - managing director) had different ideas. They refused point blank to allow Linda the necessary time off work. This left the girl an unenviable choice: either she stayed in a dead end job with no prospects of further training, or she could enrol at the college & -since she would be disobeying her employer - risk the sack. Linda finally decided to go on the course & inevitably got her cards.

Now comes the finishing touch. Since, officially, Linda had left her job voluntarily & had gone on a course of full time study, she found she was not entitled to dole. So the girl has been forced to abandon her course & hope for a job in her trade which will allow her to attend college. She'll be lucky

Model bill facts

A LOCAL women's liberation group has produced a Factsheet on proposed legislation to outlaw sex discrimination. The sheet compares & contrasts Conservative & Labour proposals with those put forward in the NCCL's May 1974 "Model Bill - To Prevent Discrimination on Grounds of Sex". The Factsheet outlines the scope of each set of proposals ie what areas are included (or not included as the case may be) such as the Provision of Goods, Facilities & Services, Employment, Protective Legislation - limiting hours of women working, Membership of trade unions & professional affiliations, Occupational Pension Schemes, housing education & advertising. It also summarises the "enforcement machinery" provided by each of the 3 sets of proposals.

The group conclude that the Tory proposals fall pathetically short of the NCCL ideal, which they've taken as their yardstick in evaluating proposed anti-discrimination laws. They say that the Labour proposals go somewhat further but are still totally inadequate. The group argue that anyone with a real commitment to real equality for women must press for crucial amendments to the existing proposals ie. establishing a separate & comprehensive system of Equal Opportunities Tribunals, rather than using Industrial Tribunals & County Courts, if we are to have a meaningful & effective law to prevent discrimination on grounds of sex or marital status.

Free copies of the Factsheet are available from Stockport Women's Lib.Group, 13 Grange Ave,Levenshulme, M/C(sae)

Get tough meanies

FIRST, the good news. Stockport's council recreation & culture committee has announced its suggested grants for 1974/75. The committee is recommending that grants be given to many profit-making sports clubs which run their own licensed bars. If the report is approved, Cheadle CC (profit last year £343) will receive £170; M/C FC & Cheadle Hulme CC (Profit £243) will get £225; Gatley LTC (profit £663) will get £60 etc- etc. Some of the Labour members of the committee voted against these proposed awards. Meanies.

Now the bad news. Stockport's housing committee is recommending a 'get tough ' policy for families with large rent arrears. The committee recommends that when arrears reach an intolerable level (9 weeks rent) all tenants without children should be evicted. Other tenants should be transferred to "less desirable accommodation". Evictions & transfers will only be carried out after consultations with the Director of Social Services.

Still, unlike Salford below, Stockport isn't too keen on creating a ghetto. The committee recommends that "only individual houses or small groups of houses for used for these purposes & that great care be taken in their selection". Very thoughtful.

Zott's got to get a ghetto

TO THE surprise of absolutely nobody, Salford's notorious "stuff the tenants" council has struck again. This time their Worships have sent out notices to quit to 366 corporation tenants in an effort to reduce the high level of rent arrears in the city. The council's housing committee is also to hold a meeting to decide which of the defaulters should be taken to court in order to get them evicted from their council homes.

Councillor Ivor Zott, a member of the housing committee argues that many of the council's 1,500 persistent defaulters can well afford to pay rent. He added that "although it is against all my principles I believe we should now create a ghetto where we would accommodate bad payers so that everyone who is evicted will know where they are going".

The tidy minded councillor may be surprised to know that, in the view of many Salford residents, his master plan is not as original as he may think. Salford folklore has it that the ghetto policy has been in operation for many years, with "problem" families ultimately being sentenced to live in the gruesome, barrack-like flats on Regent Rd.

Incidentally, the council's efficiency in chasing rent arrears contrasts rather sharply with their tortoise-like operations in other fields. When Freep heard about the eviction policy, we thought we'd check for any connection between rent arrears, increases imposed under the Housing Finance Act, & the failure of tenants to take up rent rebates etc. But when Freep contacted Salford's housing dept to check up on the percentage of tenants claiming rebates, we met a classic case of local authority prevarication. After no less than 5 phone calls & 10 connections to the wrong department, we finally contacted Mr Crompton, the council officer dealing with press enquiries. Mr Crompton agreed to look into our enquiry but warned that staff shortages & pressure of work meant that the probe would take some time.

At the time of writing, a mere fortnight later, we were still eagerly waiting for a reply. Perhaps i- Freep readers phone Mr Crompton at 736 8931 ext.35, he may now be able to give the information

Another Brickie boob

STOCKPORT'S redoubtable Idris (brickie) Owen has blobbed again. As they scurried to work, voters in the Stockport North seat may have noticed a billboard at the junction of Wellington Rd North & Heaton Moor Rd. On the board there is a poster exhorting the gullible to vote for the Brickie. Behind the board there is a plot of building land, patiently waiting to be built on. The land belongs to the Brickie, who was granted outline planning permission for a 3 storey block of 29 flats way back in December 1973. Stockport of course, has an acute housing shortage, but circumstances have so far prevented the Brickie from starting work on this site.
Perhaps he's been too busy fighting elections.

Tele without vision

C & H TELEVISION Services is a small tele sales & repair shop on Wilmslow Rd, Fallowfield. Expecting the shop to have a working knowledge of television sets, Mr Neville Kirk purchased an Elizabethan portable there in Jan. 1974. All was video sweetness & light until the set flickered & died in June. Nevermind, Mr.Kirk had a lyr guarantee. C & H took the set in & a week later it was home & functioning. A week after that, the set rolled over & died. Mr.Kirk clutched his guarantee as he phoned C & H. In mid July, the set was back in the C & H shop but repairs went rather slowly. C & H claimed that to be having difficulty obtaining the parts which only the Essex manufacturer could provide. C & H could not give Mr.Kirk a set in the meantime.

butchered

After 9 weeks, the parts from Essex were fitted & the set then only needed 2 transistors to be "perfect". 12 wks from the day the set went back the second time, the 2 transistors were finally fitted but, one component was defective

Mr.Kirk volunteered to get the elusive transistor himself, if C & H would tell him what to look for. C & H gave him specifications & Mr. Kirk found the transistor that same day. With visions of "Match of the Day", he rushed it back to C & H. Sadly for Mr. Kirk, C & H had given him the specifications for a radio transistor.

Mr.Kirk then demanded to know what was wrong with the set & what work was needed to put it right. C & H produced a signed statement claiming that the set needed only one transistor fitted to function properly. Understandably doubtful of this claim, Mr.Kirk removed his set from their shop & took it to GR Television Centre in Northenden where he requested an ESTIMATE of necessary repairs. GR inspected the set & found the following components missing: 3 transistors, 2 capacitors, a diode, a resistor, and an inductor. They estimated costs of £10-15 before the fault could be found because the tele had been "butchered".

dead

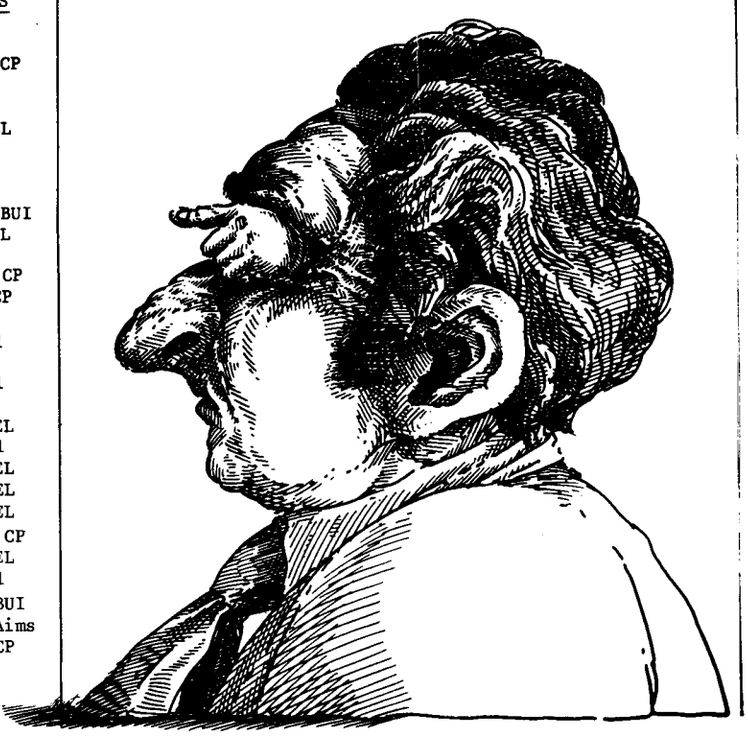
With memories of "Match of the Day" fading fast, Mr.Kirk went along to the Citizens' Advice Bureau from whence he was directed to the Trading Standards Office. The TSO is now investigating his case while Mr.Kirk sits at home with his defunct set.

Capital fellows

SOME MANCHESTER companies are very generous to their chairmen. Many of them are equally keen to spread their charity among right wing political organisations. Below, we print a list of 25 firms, with commercial interests in M/C, who rewarded their chairmen handsomely last year.

	COMPANY	CHAIRMAN	SALARY	DONATIONS
1	I C I	E J Callard	£65,695	
2	Hill Samuel	Sir Kenneth Keith	£60,000	£15,000 CP
3	Guest,Keen Nettleford	Sir Raymond Brooks	£48,000	see p 11
4	Eagle Star Ins	Sir Brian Mountain	£47,000	£1,375 EL
5	Rank,Hovis McD	Joseph Rank	£43,808	see p 11
6	Imperial Metal	Sir St.John Elstub	£42,248	
7	Bass Charrington	H Alan Walker	£42,177	
8	Turner & Newall	Ralph Bateman	£41,465	£15,000 BUI £2,000 EL £500 AI
9	Beechams	Sir Ronald Evans	£41,000	£20,000 CP
10	H. Samuel	G H S Edgar	£40,023	£3,075 CP
11	GEC	Lord Nelson	£40,000	
12	Joseph Lucas	Sir Kenneth Corby	£40,000	see p 11
13	Ozalid	N J Kiely	£39,150	
14	Allied Brew	Sir Gerald Thorby	£38,731	see p 11
15	Boots	D E M Appleby	£37,000	
16	Courtaulds	Lord Kearton	£36,732	£1,505 EL
17	CT Bowring & Co	E R H Bowring	£35,060	see p 11
18	Midland Bank	Sir A Forbes	£35,000	£4,070 EL
19	Nat Westminster	Sir John Prideaux	£35,000	£4,625 EL
20	Lloyds Bank	E O Faulkner	£34,079	£3,350 EL
21	Slater Walker	J D Slater	£33,758	£15,000 CP £2,500 EL
22	Hambros	J O Hambros	£33,187	see p 11
23	Marks & Spencer	Sir Marcus Sieff	£32,250	£10,000BUI £1,500 Aims
24	Ferranti	S Z de Ferranti	£31,000	£5,000 CP
25	Rayrolle Parson	E T Judge	£31,000	

AI = Aims of Industry
BUI= Brit United Industs
CP = Conservative Party
EL = Economic League



LEN JOHNSON.

Fighter for humanity

WORLD FAMOUS boxer and Manchester communist Len Johnson died on Saturday, September 28th aged 72.

Len, born in Openshaw, learned and developed his boxing skills in the hard school of the boxing booths and small fighting halls, where for coppers hungry working class youths in the 20's & 30's brutalised each other in their fight against poverty. By the time he was 20 Len Johnson had become a household name in Manchester & had established himself as a very talented fighter. He eventually became European & Empire Champion & he also fought and defeated 3 world Champions at different periods. Yet, for all his skills and attributes; Len was denied the right to fight for the British Championship because of his skin colour. His own long struggle for the right as a British citizen to fight for the championship was not successful, but Len's stand against racialism in sport helped in the elimination of the colour bar in British boxing. Having felt the bitter wind of prejudice his enquiring mind & fighting spirit involved him in the more important fight for freedom, equality and human dignity. Len quickly became a force in the working & progressive movements in Manchester. Together with friends he opened the famous International Club and as its Secretary he helped to strengthen the links between Manchester's working people & progressives the world over. His strong personal relationships with Paul Robeson, Nkrumah, Kenyatta, Khrisha Menon, Palme Dutt, Constantine showed his great vision that all nationalities must and will play a part in the liberation of mankind. The struggle concerning the Trenton Boy Six in America in the 40's showed Len's political awareness that oppression of one section of the people is oppression of all people

All life must end, but in living Len Johnson had a purpose. For in the fight for humanity he gave in the only way he knew, completely, body and mind. Yes Manchester can be proud of her own Len Johnson.

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Stocky resistance

STOCKPORT COUNCIL seems more than usually confused at the moment. At their last meeting they finally torpedoed a scheme to convert the Grosvenor Hotel into short stay emergency accommodation to house the town's growing number of homeless families (Freep 27). Following a 460 name "non-political" petition claiming that converting the Grosvenor into accommodation for the homeless would be the thin end of the wedge', the controlling Tory group on the council fought & won an amendment demanding that the Grosvenor be converted into 6 flats for pensioners.

But at the same meeting the council also made a decision which will help some of the town's homeless families. The council entered into an agreement with the recently formed Stockport Shelter Housing Action Committee (SSHAC) by which they will alow legal squatting in council property in the Stockport area. Not only allow, but actually encourage it: such is the crisis situation reached in the Borough, thanks to blindfold housing policies over a number of years.

The council is to make available to the group free, 20 houses which are habitable but in poor repair - mostly through 'road blight' closures. The group will then be responsible for doing up the houses, allocating them & seeing that enough rent comes in to cover rates (which will have to be paid), running repairs, guarantees to services etc.

There's no shortage of homeless families in the area. And it's part of the agreement that squatting families must be on the housing list (where their points will be 'frozen' to prevent unfair play all round). But the group looks like being short of most other things once the houses are turned over (by the end of this month?), such as skilled labour - electricians, plumbers, carpenters; unskilled labour of more or less any age or sex; materials (or ideas of where to get them); time; cash; contacts.

help

Any volunteers contact Damian Grant at 7 Norman Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport (432 3752). SSHAC is pioneering legal squatting in the north west & some people would be pleased to see this action fall flat on its face. It must work, & be seen to work.

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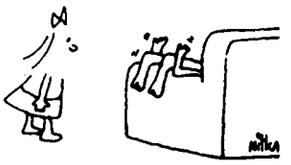

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GOING TO the sales soon? You'll probably see the usual type of notice over your intended bargain - such as "sorry no returns or refunds on sale goods". So you buy a shirt & the thing starts to fall apart on you after the first wash. Well, it's a fashion garment you know - not expected to be hard wearing! Anyway, can't you read - "no refunds & no returns". It's in black & white. It's also a lie.

The growth of vast national & international companies & the standardisation of their methods of production & distribution has led to an increasing demand for the protection of the bargaining weakness of the individual consumer. As a result, the law has been changed but it's still so complicated that few people know exactly what their rights are against shops & manufacturers. The latter, far from enlightening us, hoodwink us into thinking our rights are less than the law says. Recent proposals would make this deception illegal.

WHAT LAW?

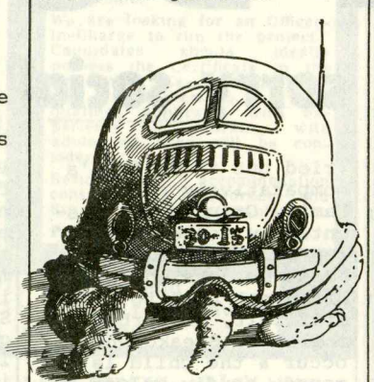
The Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act, which came into force last year, made invalid the exemption clauses that companies put into their sale of goods and hire purchase contracts with consumers. The Act gave the consumer certain inalienable rights no matter whether or not he signed something which purported to exclude those rights. In other words, you can't sign your rights away. These inalienable rights are terms automatically implied into both oral & written contracts.

RIGHTS

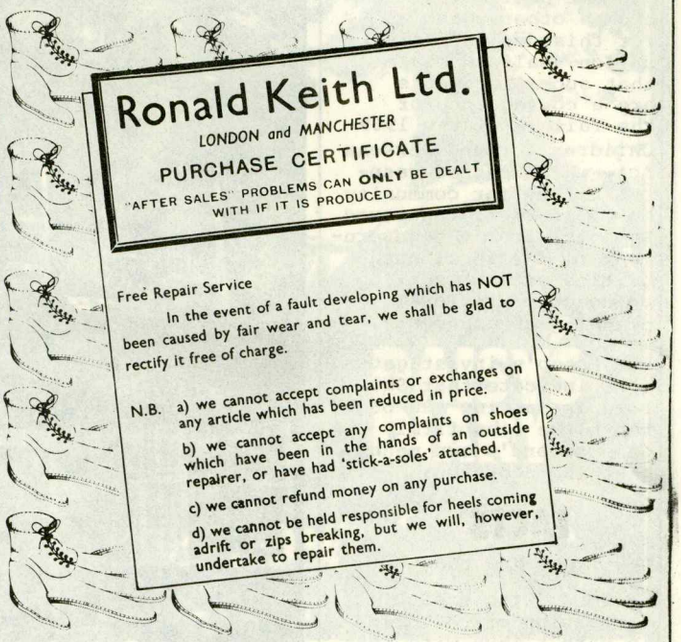
The most important rights, briefly & simply are:

1. that the goods must comply with description eg. imitation simulated plastic can't be described as leather!

2. that the goods are of "merchantable quality", meaning fit for their usual purpose(s). This doesn't apply where a particular defect is specifically pointed out to you before you buy. Nor does it apply if you examined the goods beforehand & the kind of examination you carried out ought to have revealed the defect. The standard of quality required by the law will obviously depend on the price, the description & the surrounding circumstances A typical example of unmerchantable goods is the second hand car you buy from a dealer & which you later discover has a dud gearbox.



3. that the goods are fit for a particular purpose if you have made this purpose known to the seller ie. if you ask for boots for fishing in the river, the seller must sell you boots that don't leak.



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In the event of a fault developing which has NOT been caused by fair wear and tear, we shall be glad to rectify it free of charge.

N.B. a) we cannot accept complaints or exchanges on any article which has been reduced in price.
b) we cannot accept any complaints on shoes which have been in the hands of an outside repairer, or have had 'stick-a-soles' attached.
c) we cannot refund money on any purchase.
d) we cannot be held responsible for heels coming adrift or zips breaking, but we will, however, undertake to repair them.

4. that in a sale by sample, the bulk of the goods must correspond with the sample in quality.

MISLEADING

Going back to that shirt you bought in the sale, you would be entitled to your money back under (2) & the notice saying "no refund" is completely ineffective. Unfortunately although the notice is ineffective in law, most people don't know what their rights are & are misled into letting the shop get away with it. Another misleading trick is the so-called guarantee which frequently promises such things as 12 months free service but in return purports to take away your far more valuable rights under the Act. For example, the "purchase receipt" below was given to a Freep reader who bought a pair of shoes from "Ronald Keith" in M/C. Take a close look at it.

a) LIE. The Act applies to sale goods. If you have a valid complaint, you are entitled to your money back, provided you act promptly.
b) LIE. For the same reasons as (a) above.

c) LIE. If the goods are defective, they must refund.

d) LIE. They are responsible.

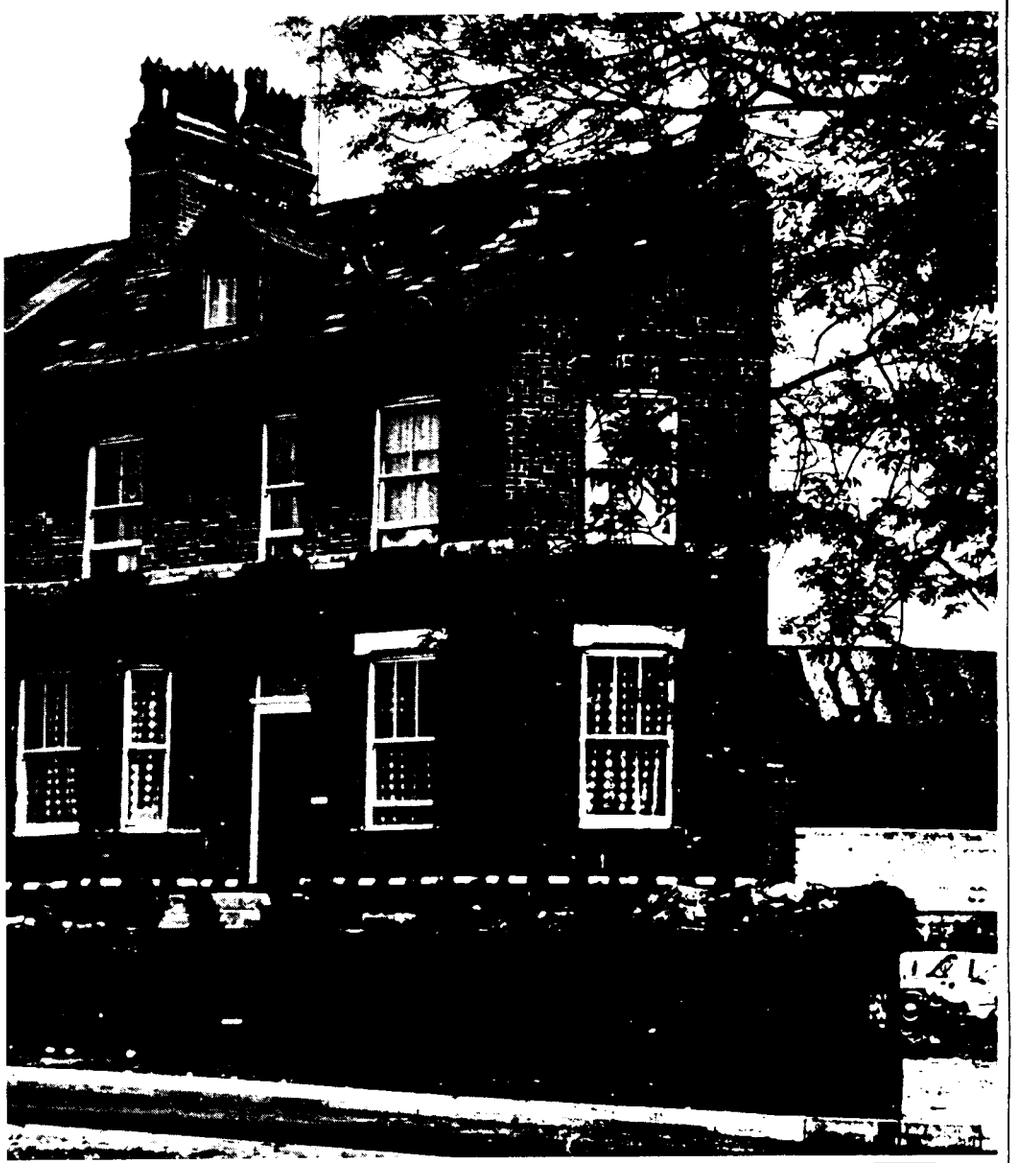
Full marks. 4/4 for deception.

WHOLE TRUTH

The remedy may lie in new proposals of the Director General of Fair Trading (consumer watchdog). Any purported exclsuion or restriction in WRITING, on notices, receipts, guarantees, adverts etc, of those inalienable rights, would be a criminal offence. The proposals go even further than that & also impose a duty to tell the whole truth.

It would be a criminal offence to use wording in documents which explain the terms on which goods are supplied but which fails to make clear to the consumer his inalienable rights against the supplier. This includes guarantees & newspaper adverts as well as notices in shops. All these documents would have to list the if they referred to any terms, would have to list the consumers rights too.

The watchdog has barked & we now have to wait & see whether the Minister will adopt the proposals & give him some bite.



THE DUMP

Salford's sorry social service

Salford Social Services department has recently been rightly criticised for placing a disturbed 13 year old girl in an adult psychiatric ward in Prestwich hospital. Val Scerri, the Dirty Old Town's director of social services, admits that such placements are not desirable, but blames other agencies for this deplorable situation. Salford claim that such placements are a consequence of the failure of the 1969 Children & Young Persons Act, which passed responsibility for community homes (formerly approved schools) from the government to the local authorities without setting up adequate regional planning arrangements.

But Freep's investigations indicate that Salford is passing the buck- the blame lies firmly on Salford's own penny pinching doorstep.

FACTS

The facts are these.

Salford, with a high proportion of children in care & thus with responsibility for a large number of disturbed children, has failed totally to make any specialist provision for such kids. For the disturbed or delinquent the authority has no proper facilities. Salford has no remand facilities of its own. It has no residential psychiatric facilities of its own & it has no secure hostels of its own. This saves the town a lot of cash, but it means that difficult or disturbed kids face an awful situation.

POLICY

Salford's policy with such children is, & always has been, to farm them out on a fee paying basis to voluntary agencies or other local authorities which do have supposedly adequate facilities. Fees are high, but are a flea bite compared to the cost of running its own homes. The snag is that other towns use their own facilities to the limit & no room can be found for the most difficult Salford children. When this happens, the town has several choices. They can plonk them in adult psychiatric wards (Freep estimates that Salford has placed half a dozen adolescents in Prestwich or Hope hospitals in the last year); they can try to get the Home Office to commit such children to Borstal (Freep has heard that Salford has just been refused permission to place a highly disturbed 15 yr old girl in a Borstal).

Alternatively, Salford can dump its problem children into the inadequate facilities which it operates itself.

Some children are thus tried out in Salford's comparatively cheap Family Group Homes (essentially foster homes) run by non specialist house mothers who are often not able to handle difficult, disturbed children. Breakdowns occur & the child is removed, hardly helped by the spell in a FGH & the blame which he attaches to himself by the breakdown. Others are kept for long periods in the assessment centres which are designed mainly for short stay diagnostic accommodation & not for long term stays. As Salfors admits, such placements can have a detrimental effect on the child's future. But the misuse of such facilities does save money. Staff in the assessment centres are paid at a lower rate than those in remand centres since, officially, they are not dealing with such difficult children.

BROAD STREET

Yet more kids are tried out in Salford's most spectacularly penny-

pinching scheme - the supervised lodgings in Broad Street . In theory children placed in Broad Street need only minimum supervsion & perhaps occasional counselling, thus only minimum staffing is provided. In fact, a close reading of the papers reveals that the 'normal' children from the Broad St. lodgings have been before the courts with alarming regularity, & several of the Broad St. 'old boys' have been sentenced to Borstal or Detention Centres.
Other 'normal' Broad St. children have dealt with less severely by the courts.

BOAST

But even if Broad St. is not designed for difficult or disturbed adolescents, it's at least amazingly cheap. Salford admitted, even boasted, to a reporter from"Community Care", a hack social work journal, that Broad St had been "a derelict & vandalised house" which had been brought back into use as a homefor 10 boys for less than £1,000 & now costs less than £2,000 a year to run (ie. £4 per week per boy).Salford even has the cheek to dress up its niggardliness in the guise of good social work policy. According to "Community Care", Salford's attitude is one "of facing the economic facts of life, a recognition that some thing is better than nothing, & a growing belief that perhaps adolescents do not need elaborate services. In fact not only do they not need them, but too much help deprives young people of the vital lessons of independence & self reliance. They need to stand on their own feet before leaving residential care - to encourage otherwise is being kind to be cruel".

MEAN

It seems unlikely to Freep that anybody is in any danger at all of getting too much help from Salford's cost conscious council, which incidentally has recently cancelled the comics and papers at homes in its control on the grounds of economy.

Finally, Freep holds out no hope of a rapid change in Salford's policy, for it's not as if they have not been given examples of need in the past.Last November, Salford Social Services were openly criticised by a local magistrate over the court appearance of a 16 year old boy who, although in the care of the council had been sleeping rough The boy had broken into the office of Val Scerri, Salford's director of social services. It's a pity that only a few of the Dirty Old Town's troubled young have this boy's sense of humour & justice.

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE (SUPERVISED LODGINGS FOR WORKING BOYS)
Grade R.C.C.O. Grade 2.
£1,371 to £1,680 p.a.

This is an experimental residential project currently being run in an old terraced house in a redevelopment area of the City Centre.
The aim of the project is to prepare six working boys in the Care of the Local Authority, who are unlikely to be rehabilitated with their families, for independent living in bedsit accommodation. With this objective in mind, it is intended to provide nominal supervision and to involve the boys in the day-to-day running of the Home.

We are looking for an Officer-in-Charge to run the project. Candidates should ideally possess the Certificate in the Residential Care of Children and Young Persons, but unqualified applicants with experience in working with adolescent boys will be considered.

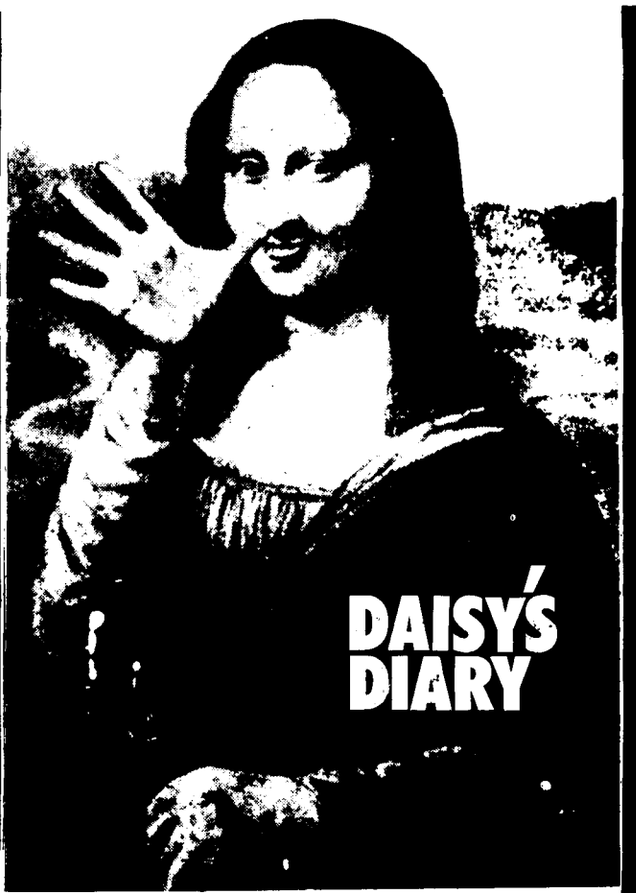
Residential accommodation consisting of a Bedroom and Sitting Room is available.

Post Ref. No. 574.

NOTE particularly the pay and the parts of this City of Salford advert which Freep has underlined.

Apology

We very much regret that in our issue No.25 references were made to the way in which Mr E. Lees had handled the negotiations with regard to premises for a Law Centre, which were quite unjustified. We particularly regret the use of the adjective "Sleepy" which we used in conjunction with his name & we unreservedly apologise for any distress we may have caused him.



Idris (the Brickie) Owen's sudden emergence as a scourge of nasty property developers seems to be causing the former Stockport MP some embarassment. The Brickie recently attended a meeting of the Reddish Vale Community Council at which 350-400 people had gathered to discuss FPA Falcovant's proposal to 'improve' Reddish Vale with a huge leisure centre & 500 luxury houses (Freep 26)
The wealthy Brickie sat modestly at the back as speaker after speaker fulminated about the proposals. One woman was particularly incensed. She favoured preserving the Vale & argued against luxury housing on the grounds that at £25,000 to £30,000 each, nobody in the Hall would be able to afford them. Mutters were heard around the Hall that there was at least one person present able to afford such a fancy price.

The Brickie left the meeting shortly after.

UCP, the great Eccles tripe firm, has hit the big time. A load of tripe will soon be sold to the Japanese who have remarkable faith in its potential.They reckon that if you cut it into little chunks & dip it in batter you can sell it as scampi.

Leslie Kay has played his normal part in a superb pantomime organised annually by Salford's "stuff the tenants" council.The panto is called "Re-registration on the Housing List" & is played by an ever increasing cast of council house aspirants keeping their names on the housing list. Mr.Kay has taken part in the farce every year since 1944 when he first put himself on the council waiting list. He has not yet been re-housed but at least he's been warned. His housing registration card carries the legend that the card "does not imply in any way that accommodation will be offered to you". Mr.Kay expects to play his normal part next year - for the 31st time. Is this a record?

10 MANCHESTER BEER IS BEST

There is a remarkable variety of good beer in Manchester - possibly more than anywhere else. However, much has been done to the nature of beer since the sixties, & so many variations of the traditional theme of real ale served through handpumps have been made by the large national brewers that both quality & variety have declined. The major change has been the artificial introduction of carbon dioxide (CO_2) to 'protect' & dispense the ale under pressure. This, according to discerning drinkers, masks the flavour, makes the mouth sticky, & makes you belch. At one time only the new bland keg beers (DD, Tartan, Red etc) were pressurised, but now many otherwise good traditional ale is carbonated.

On a number of evenings, FREEP visited the pubs in the city centre. Our comments on the ones we liked & that served good beer are printed round the map.

There are 5 local independent breweries, each of which still produce excellent individual real ale; 4 other regional brews are available with varying quality due to methods of serving; and representatives of the 6 huge national breweries - with mixed quality. Here is a summary.

CASTLE & FALCON Bradshaw St Burtonwood. 2 squeaky handpumps. Small bar with footy. 1

ROYAL OAK, Ducie St/New Bridge St. Opp brewery. Boddingtons. 2 pianos, jukebox, manchester darts board, card tables in one room. Excellent bitter. 2

CROWN, Victoria St. Tetleys. Handpumps. 3 rooms, one with 2 footy tables. Also jukebox, darts & fruit machine. 3

OLD SHIP HOTEL, Chapel St. Boddingtons. Vault & lounge connected. Darts in vault. Handpumps not connected. 4

PUNCHBOWL Chapel St Tetleys Two bars Big sandwiches. 5

LORD NELSON, Chapel St. Wilsons. 6 handpumps. 2 dart boards in Vault & b/w TV. 6

ALBERT VAULTS Chapel St Tetleys Large clean electric 7

BROWN BULL, New Bailey St/ Chapel St. Marstons. Handpumps. One large room. Electric tennis. 8

WELLINGTON, New Bailey St. Wilsons. 2 handpumps. Vault with colour TV, piped music & fruit machine in lounge. 9

GEORGE & DRAGGON, Bridge St. Wilsons - electric pumps. Jukebox, electric tennis, snacks. Large room with nooks 10

WAGGON & HORSES, Back Bridge St. Wilsons. 5 handpumps. Juke box, fruit machine, sandwiches. 2 bars. Renovated. 11

RISING SUN, Between Queen St & Lloyd St. Wilsons. Electric. Jukebox, snacks. 12

NAGS HEAD, Between Lloyd St & Jacksons Row. Greenhall Whitley. Electric. A shade of its former self. Not a bad pint of bitter. 13

CITY ROAD INN, Whitworth St Albion St. Whitbreads. Some of Chester FM (see ads and info) on handpumps. 2 bars with pool in one & clour TV & darts in the other. Big old rooms. 14

HARE AND HOUNDS Shudehill Tetleys. Friendly busy atmosphere. Sliding leaded bar windows. Popular. 15

LOWER TURKS HEAD Shudehill Wilsons. 4 handpumps, jukebox, pooltable. Refurbished 16

NEW BOARS HEAD Shudehill. Tetleys. Heated bar rail, TV, darts. Conversational atmosphere. 17

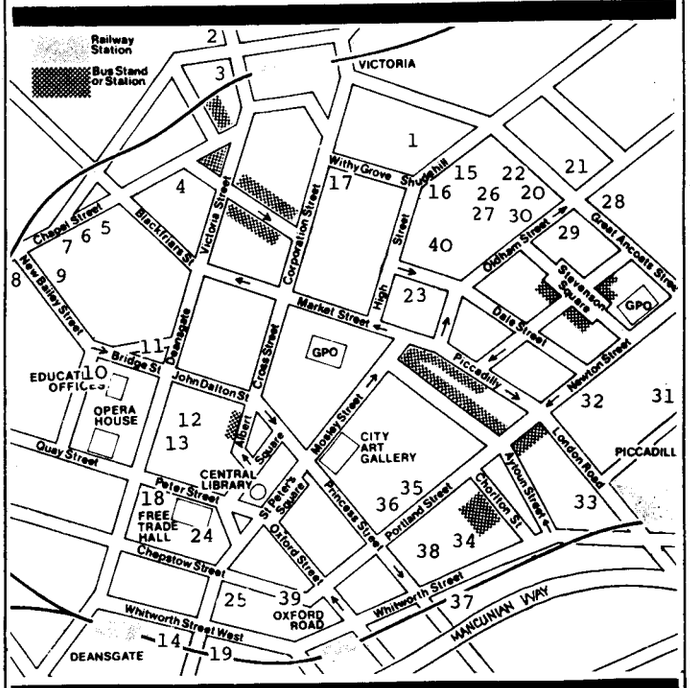
BARLEY MOW Wilsons. Mild and bitter on handpumps. Large room with jukebox. 40

BURTON ARMS, Swan St. Bass Charrington. Bass & Worthington. Handpumps not connected 20

OLD WHITE BEAR, Swan St. Tetleys. Electric. Jukebox with country & western & Irish songs. Nice ceiling. 21

SMITHFIELD VAULTS, Swan St. Greenhall Whitley. Handpumps. Pintable, pool table, london board, cat & dog. Best Greenhalls. 22

UNICORN Church St. Many wood panelled rooms. Electric draught Bass and mild. 23



ST. PETERS TAVERN, Peter St. Wilsons. Handpumps. Big window to street. Jukebox. 18

GAYTHORN, Whitworth St/Albion St. Bass Charrington Brew X on handpumps. A trifle sweet. Small bar with snug off. Fruit machine & telly. 19

COX'S BAR ,Windmill St. Boddingtons. Electric. Vault & packed lounge. Minah bird 24

BRITONS PROTECTION, Gt. Bridgewater St. Tetleys (not the best). Large clear bar with colour TV. 2 separate rooms. 25

PRINCE OF WALES Edge St Wilsons. Minute, 2 handpumps, coal fire, juke box, bottled diabetis beer calld Pils. 26

BAY HORSE High St Wilsons. Two rooms round central bar and snug. Colour TV. Friendly service. 27

CROWN AND KETTLE Ancoats Wilsons. Handpumps in huge renovated pub. Private Eye covers round walls. Colour TV 28

CASTLE HOTEL, Oldham St. Robinsons. 4 handpumps. One bar + room off. 29

GRENADIER, Oldham St. Wilsons-Tarted up but with handpumps 30

JOLLY ANGLER Ducie St. Hydes, 2 handpumps in very small bar. Unusual juke box. Cards. 31

KENSINGTON, Newton St. Handpumped Wilsons. London darts board. Old jukebox. 3 rooms 32

COACH & HORSES Free house. 6 handpumps - including Chesters Fighting Mild. three rooms. 33

REMBRANT, Sackville St. Lees. Pillar taps. Tasty bitter. One large bar room. 34

GREY HORSE Portland St Hydes. Mild and bitter on electric pumps. One small bar excellent beer and hot snacks. 35

CIRCUS TAVERN, Portland St. Tetleys. Handpump mild & bitter. One room. Excellent beer 36

THE OLD GARRETT, Granby Row/ Princess St. Boddingtons. Handpumps in Vault, electric in lounge. Big & modern. 37

NEW YORK, Bloom St/Abingdon St. Wilsons. Small pub. 38

PEVERIL OF THE PEAK, Chepstow st/Gt Bridgewater St. Wilsons. 4 handpumps. Pool in Vault with b/w TV & Manchester dart board. Footy & London board in other room. Piano in passage. 39

LOCALS

BODDINGTONS"Beer brewed in the finest tradition naturally" Our oldest brewery with about 280 pubs, 5 near centre. Bitter has a consitent strong hop flavour with malty afetr-taste, keenly preferred by some locals.

HOLTS"Manchester Ales" About 80 pubs, many magnificent, mainly in Salford, Eccles and Prestwich, although the Grafton Grafton St (by university) is handy to south. The bitter has a beautiful full flavour.

HYDES"Anvil Ales" Smallest brewery with about 50 pubs - 2 near centre (the Hope at the end of the Manc Way on Chester Rd as well) Always a good pint of hoppy bitter and an ecellent tasty mild.

LEES"John Willie Lees" Around 200 pubs and increasing no. of clubs. Mainly dispensed through pillar taps so you can have as much head as you like. The only one near centre serves a round well flavoured bitter.

ROBINSONS About 300 pubs, mainly to the south. Generally hand or electric pumps to serve well balanced bitter and ex-cellent mild (with a strong following) Also Old Tom winter ale should be served from bar barrels soon.

REGIONALS

BURTONWOOD"Big taste beers" Two pubs left, one electric, other handpumped (Although of two others, one is demolished, t'other serves Tartan now) Bitter full of hops and malt.

GREENHALL WHITLEY The largest independent, in some ways like the big six. A handful of pubs in town with variable ale.

HIGSONS The last of Liverpool's beer, usually a strong flavour hoppy ale. Manchester's only outlet(Vth Inn, Crown Sq) is unfortunately keg.

MARSTONS"BurtonAles" Dependable over the country. One near the centre has handpumped mild and bitter. Excellent. No draught Pedigree though. (Pomona Palace near Hope on Cornbrook Rd as well)

BIG SIX

ALLIED Tetley Generaaly good

BASS CHARRINGTON Draught Bass if you can find it. Brew Ten sometimes handpumped.

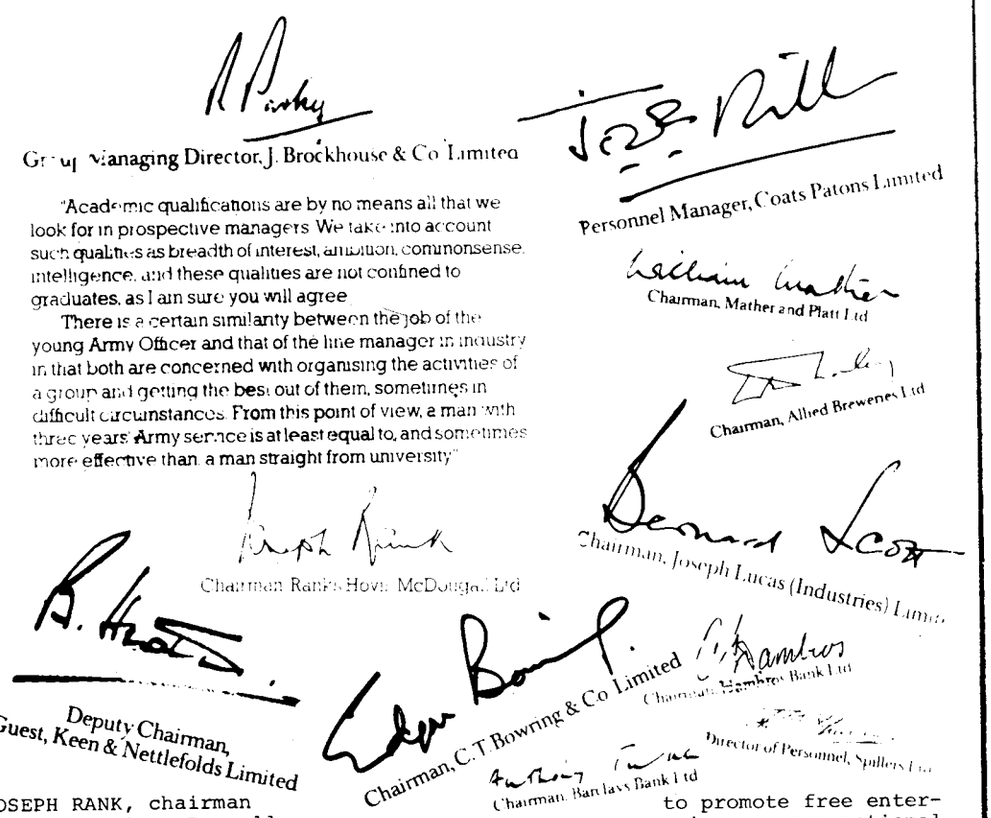
COURAGE John Smith recently ruined by Courage.

SCOTTISH AND NEWCASTLE No draught beer around.

WATNEY MANN Wilson. Consist-ently good, but few pres-surised not listed.

WHITBREADS Trophy better than nothing. Chesters fighting mild - only a few days left to sample this tasty brew - see ADS & INFO

Army bullshit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JOSEPH RANK, chairman of Rank,Hovis McDougall, was just one of the 58 signatories to a full page advertisement recently published in the press, which incited people to join the army as a good training for a business management career. Rank Hovis McD. recently closed its Mothers Pride bakery in Stretford & made 650 people redundant as a result. No doubt they will be pleased to know that if they join the army, Joseph Rank might greet them back - as managers.

Another prominent signatory was the Managing Director of the notorious Cape Asbestos combine. In fact there's a striking resemblance between the horrors of warfare & the fatal conditions which prevailed at Cape's now defunct Hebden Bridge asbestos plant.

Right-wing

These two aren't the only supporters of the army. 30 other companies with commercial interests in the Manchester area signed the advert. Some of these firms also lend financial support to 5 of the most right wing political groups in the country - the Tory Party, Economic League, Aims of Industry, British United Industrialists & Common Cause. The aims of the Tory Party speak for themselves, but less is known about how these other groups operate. British United Industrialists are in business to promote free enterprise, oppose nationalisation & fight against socialism. They give most of their money to the Conservative Party & as director general of B.U.I.,Colonel Hobbs said,"A great deal of the value of the organisation to my mind is that most people do not know exactly how we function "

The Economic League, Aims of Industry & the Common Cause are all on a crusade for capitalism but the League & Common Cause also have a more insidious function. They inform employers about the political activities of individual workers. In other words, they give employers a blacklist of active workers. Whilst industry is encouraging people to join the army, it's worth remembering that Pat Arrowsmith got 18 months for inciting people to leave the army. Nigel Siederer of the NCCL is running a campaign against the Act which put her inside & in Manchester TOM (Troops Out Movement) continues to distribute leaflets which aren't illegal. Offers of support are welcome via the 'Grassroots' bookshop.

DONATIONS TO RIGHT WING ORGANISATIONS BY COMPANIES WHICH OPERATE IN MANCHESTER & ALSO SIGNED THE ARMY ADVERT

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	£ 5,000	AI
6. Hambros	£ 500	EL
	£ 5,000	AI
	£15,000	CP
7. Spillers Ltd	£ 5,000	BUI
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	£ 500	AI
	£ 8,030	CP
	£ 75	CC
9. Coats Patons	£ 5,000	BUI
1o.J.Brockhouse	£ 100	AI
	£ 100	CC
11.Guest Keen N.	£ 1,500	EL
	£ 2,500	AI
	£33,000	CP

KEY: CP = Conservative Party; EL = Economic League; BUI= British United Inds; AI = Aims of Industry; CC = Common Cause

Manchester
Free Press

GENUINE WRAPAROUND

Blood sweat & pain

WOMEN? RESISTANCE & REVOLUTION by Sheila Rowbotham. Pelican 60p.

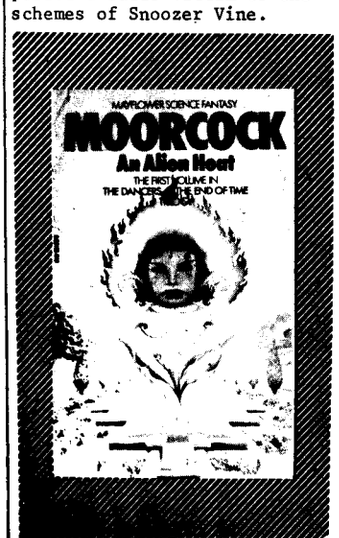
Another nail in the coffin of Male Chauvinism. Sheila Rowbotham's excellent collection of essays trace the development of women's political, social & sexual self consciousness from the period following the English bourgeois revolution (ie. the 'Civil War') through the French revolution, the ideas of Marx & Engels, the experiments of the Russian revolution, & up to present day Vietnam, Algeria, China & Cuba. It's blood, sweat and pain all the way but essential reading. Very good bibliography.

ROY JOHNSON

Snoozer Vine's victim

AN ALIEN HEAT by Michael Moorcock. Mayflower 35p

A tale set in the far future when man leads a life of leisure & possesses undreamed of powers over his environment. Jherek Carnelian (!), one of those lucky "dancers at the end of time", seeking a little excitement in life, attempts to win the heart of Mrs Amelia Underwood. She is a charming but rather reserved Victorian lady who has travelled mysteriously thro time. Jherek's cosy enchantment with the Victorian era becomes a little jaded when he returns to experience the harsh realities of the period & falls victim to the schemes of Snoozer Vine.



A light hearted story with a few digs at the fashionable practice of looking at the past through rose coloured spectacles.

HARRY BAUMGARTL

Design's tawdry idiocies

DESIGN FOR THE REAL WORLD by Victor Papanek. Paladin 90p.

A penetrating critique of the way industry designs the products that shape our lives. After giving examples of 'tawdry idiocies' such as electric hairbrushes & automatic tie-selectors, Papanek explores how design could be geared to genuine human needs eg. for the handicapped and for the Third World. Underlying many of the possibilities he outlines are low energy utilisation & attempted reproduction of organic forms in industrial design.

The author makes an impassioned plea for designers to exercise greater social responsibility in their work. He, himself, refuses to have any truck with the patent system. How far humanely motivated designers could break through the constraints of capitalist society does raise some interesting questions. The problem is summed up by the response of a U.S. army officer to Papanek's design for a 9 cent radio for developing countries: "What if a Communist gets hold of the microphone?"

HARRY BAUMGARTL

Mystery yo-yo

THE GOD MAKERS by Frank Herbert. New English Library 40p.

A blend of religious intrigue & galactic power - elements one expects from the author of the magnificent "DUNE". This story however is rather uneven in tone & ranges from the mundane to the fanciful as we follow R & R agent Lewis Orne on his path to godhead. Nevertheless, Herbert conveys the aura of psi powers & their manipulation by the mysterious Religious Engineers of the planet Anel with great effect.

HARRY BAUMGARTL

Bawdy bible

THE GOOD SOLDIER SVEJK by Jaroslav Hasek. Penguin £1.25

This is the first unexpurgated English edition of what has become a modern classic. Comic & anti-militarist, Hasek's hero Svejk blunders his way through the madness of the first world war, is discharged from the ranks as an idiot, & at one time is captured & arrested by his own troops. A book which has become a bible for realists & pacifists now available complete with all its original bawdy, treason & blasphemy

ROY JOHNSON

Jelly tots & rubies

FIRST FACTS by Sidgwick & Jackson. New England Library.

The aim of the series is to attract young children to reading by using bright illustrations & varied, simple narrative. This is a cheap paperback series which seems likely to acheive its aim. Where Am I? (20p) - a bright colourful questioning of the position of the individual in relation to the Universe. It starts from the boy's bedroom & expands outwards. Under The Sea (20p) - a submarine dives & passes fishes on its voyage down. Despite attractive drawings of rare fish, it's generally a less interesting volume. The Children's Crusade (22p) - This tells the story of how 30,000 French children were lost either through drowning or by being sold into slavery when they had set out on a Holy Crusade. Bones & Skeletons (22p) -a clear simple view of what lies underneath skin and flesh, again moving on to look at wider questions.

GOODBYE RUBY RED by Geraldine Kaye. Knight. 25p p.b. 45p h.b.

Part of a series intended to invite infant readers to turn the page, this tells the story of how Susie's creation of a cut-out doll takes life and mimics her crossness at being ill in bed. She has

difficulty trying to get Ruby Red back into the colouring book. She calls her brother for help - a subtle reinforcement of woman's dependence on man & her subjugation of her emotions to him as well.

SUSAN KIRSCH

Crime boggling

WHOSE CONSPIRACY by Geoff Robertson. Published by NCCL 50p.

This pamphlet outlines the working of the conspiracy law that can send you to prison for life for being involved in any active protest or crime. But, about the only practical message it has is- if you're charged with conspiracy or anything serious, get a lawyer who specialises in defending such cases. In fact, its intention seems to be merely to arouse democratic law abiding indignation at particular police antics,in order to press for reform through the proper channels. The pamphlet is however, written around actual cases & contains much previously unreported info about court procedures & rulings in trials like that of the Shrewsbury pickets. Although they shouldn't, these facts will keep the average mind constantly boggled.

ROGER SOLE

Thoroughly modern...

EUROPE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY by George Lichtheim. Cardinal. £1.40.

With his characteristic thoroughness & impressive erudition, George Lichtheim produces a heavy but readable summary of the major developments in twentieth century European life. The political history of wars & revolutions but also the history of scientific discovery & the influence of the arts & cultures in general, philosophy as it affects the history of ideas, & even a look at the rapid changes in ordinary social life which have occurred in the last 50yrs. A work of synthesis rather than original thinking - but it offers a very good introduction to the main currents of European thought & action.

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Cinema blues

THE MANCHESTER Cinema Club is now in its second month. Sept. films included Blanche, Belle de Jour & La Jetee & Oct. looks just as promising with The Face & The Seventh Seal.
The Club, run by Ruth Low, is desperately struggling to get off the ground despite a lack of financial support from the British Film Industries & the N.W.Arts Association. Nor has there been any help from Dr Bruce Jackson who used to run the MFT & now runs the Aaben Cinema. He sees the Club as a direct competitor & therefore wants nothing to do with it.
The Club is temporarily in the basement of the Town Hall extension until more money is found. Films shown on Thurs., Friday & Sat.Starts 6pm. Membership 30p,admission 4)p. Ideas for future films welcomed since Ruth wants to provide the sort of film which just isn't available elsewhere.

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Oct 21-26
CONTACT THEATRE COMPANY in
HAPPY DAYS and KRAPPS LAST TAPE
Double bill by Samuel Beckett
75p 60p 45p and 30p
Nightly at 7.30pm
No performance on Mon 21

Oct 16-26
MERMAID PUPPET THEATRE in
CALIPH SHERBERT
An Eastern puppet extravaganza
Children 30p Adults 40p
Mon 7.30. Tue-Fri 10.30 and 2.30 Sat 2.30

Nov 5-9
CONTACTS WORKING GUIDE to Henry IV Part I
All seats 30p
Tue 7.30. Wed-Fri 2.30 and 7.30. Sat 7.30

Nov 12-16
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ADS & INFO

WOMEN

BONFIRE on 5th Nov. at the Women's Lib.Centre.

M/C WOMEN'S NEWSPAPER needs help with articles & layout. Contact Luchia 273 2287.

SEMINARS at M/C University Extra Mural Dept on "Women Education & Society", D. Taylerson. 10 sessions for £2.00 from 10th Oct.Contact Extra Mural Dept for details.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS GROUP & Women's Aid Group both c/o Women's Liberation Centre. 218 Upper Brook St, Manchester 13.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION INFORMATION Service. Mon.-Thurs. 7.30-9p.m 218 Upper Brook St,M/C.273 2287

LESBIANS

THE LESBIAN COLLECTIVE is trying to write a booklet about lesbians & their experiences of medical and other professional organisations. It will be written from the lesbian viewpoint so if you have any information that might be useful, write to The Lesbians & Psychiatry Collective, 4 Manor Park Rd, Glossop. They'd be particularly interested in hearing about professional assistance that women have found valuable & constructive in addition to adverse criticisms. Confidentiality will be respected.

THE LESBIAN COLLECTIVE meets at 8pm every Tuesday at the Women's Liberation Centre, 218 Upper Brook St,M/C 13. Phone Glossop 4142 for more information.

TRANSPORT

TRANSPORT ACTION GROUP will hold its Annual General Meeting on 28th Oct at 7.30pm. in the Dept. of Architecture & Planning, M/C University, Bridgeford St,off Oxford Rd. Meeting will review the group's strategy over the last 12 months & thrash out its direction for the coming year. Issues to be discussed will include: Heavy lorry routes; Blighted land survey; raising finance etc. Take your friends along.

Also, there will be a meeting on"The Nottingham Experiment - Car Restraint & Bus Priority". 11th Nov. at 7.30pm in Dept. Architecture-

MENTAL PATIENTS

MANCHESTER MENTAL PATIENTS' Union now meets regularly at 178 Oxford Road, M/C 2. Every Saturday at 3pm.

Further info from M/C MPU c/o Estelle Beninson, 2 York Place
York Avenue, Prestwich.

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The Secretary,
"WAPA",
258, Brownlea Road,
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or ring 437 5120 between 11am & 12 noon.

ADVICE

BRADFORD: Rylance Street Area Action Group (esp clearance advice): 223 0181

CHEETHAM HILL: Poly Welfare Rights Stall: Tues and Thurs 5.30-7.30pm Trinity Church Hall, Greenhill Road.

MOSS SIDE: Housing Advice: Moss Side Pastoral Centre, Great Western Street. Mon and Wed 5.30-7pm 226 3886

COLLYHURST/HARPURHEY: Neighbourhood Info Centre. Old Day Nursery, Churnet St,M10 7UX. Tel.205 6292.

STOCKPORT: Advice Centre. The Tusky Dog,25 Stockport Rd,Gorsey Bank, Stockport. Tel.477 2301.

SALFORD: Rights Stall in market Sat.
Also Community house run by Docks Actions Group. Contact Billy Gill 8 Broadway, Salford 5.

PARTINGTON People's Rights Office Daily 775 6130

SALFORD: Underdog at 83 Camp Street, Salford 7
Tues, Thurs, Fri 12 - 4pm gives advice on SS benefits, supplementary etc

CHILD POVERTY

CHILD POVERTY Action Group: Help wanted with welfare rights stall in Stretford. Sec: Peter Hildrew, 13 Grange Ave., Levenshulme.

LEGAL

RUSHOLME Legal Advice Centre St James Parish Hall, Danes Road, Rusholme. Tuesdays 6.30-9.30pm.

UNIVERSITY Legal Advice Centre 178 Waterloo Place (Oxford Road) Manchester 13. Tel. 273 4575. Mon-Fri 1-3pm. Tues & Thurs 5.30-7.30pm.

NELLO JAMES CENTRE, 136 Withington Road, Manchester 16. Tel 226 4164. Evening legal advice.

HELP

TAKE DEVELOPMENT LAND into Public Ownership. Anyone interested in helping to organise national campaign on this issue ring Chris 733 8813 or contact BRAG A45 Du Cane Crt,Balham High Rd SW17

NCCL

NCCL will have a planning meeting to discuss the future direction of NCCL in M/C in late October. Contact Rhys Vaughan, 44 Demesne Road, Whalley Range M/C 16 for further details. Tel 061 226 7992.

GINGERBREAD

GINGERBREAD now meets on the first Monday & 3rd Tuesday each month 8p.m, at M/C Univ. Students Union.

CAMRA

CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) has 2 branches in M/C now. North M/C meeting on 16th Oct. at Lord Nelson, Stoneclough, Ringley. (Contact Bill Calvert 764 2198). South M/C meeting on 17th Oct at The Gateway, Wilmslow Rd, Parrswood, 8pm. And on 24th Oct there will be a Chesters Fighting Mild Memorial Service at Steelworks Tavern, Gorton Lane, nr.Belle Vue.(Contact Dave Hall Macc. 21933).

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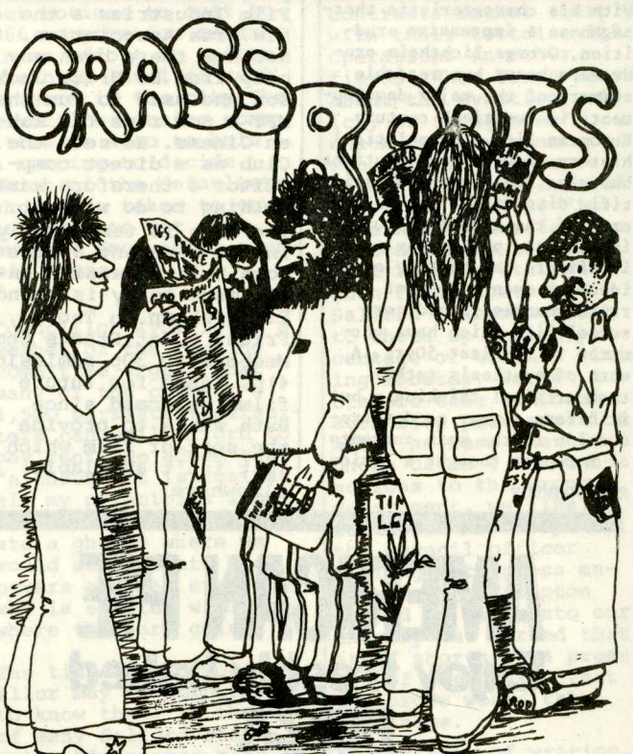

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